

**TO APPROVE CONSENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE
COLLEGE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE MEAT AND
POULTRY PROCESSING EXPANSION PROGRAM (MPPEP) PHASE 4**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE consent and support for Eastern Oklahoma State College's ("EOSC") application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business-Cooperative Service Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program Phase 4 (FON: RD-RBS-26-04).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") recognizes the value of supporting programs that invest in improving local meat processing facilities, which, in turn, support and strengthen local farmers, ranchers, and economies;

WHEREAS, Eastern Oklahoma State College's proposed project to modernize equipment at its Meat Processing and Food Safety Laboratory in Wilburton will strengthen regional meat processing capacity, enhance workforce training opportunities, improve food safety, and support livestock producers throughout southeastern Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, consent and support of EOSC's application to the MPPEP Phase 4 grant advances the Nation's Strategic Goals of Empowering People by expanding agricultural opportunities, strengthening local food systems, and supporting economic growth within the Reservation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Nation (the "Council") that this Bill be cited as the Nation's official consent and support for Eastern Oklahoma State College application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business-Cooperative Service Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program Phase 4 (FON: RD-RBS-26-04).

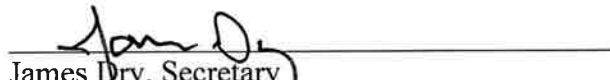
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on September 12, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 93 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council



James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council



Gary Burton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 9-14-26

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve consent and support of Eastern Oklahoma State College's application to the USDA Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) Phase 4. This federal funding will allow EOSC to modernize equipment at its Meat Processing and Food Safety Laboratory in Wilburton thereby strengthening regional meat processing capacity, enhance workforce training opportunities, improve food safety, and support livestock producers throughout southeastern Oklahoma.

Strategic Goals: Expand agricultural opportunities, strengthen local food systems, and support economic growth within the Reservation and surrounding communities

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Agency: Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton

CNO Department: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Commerce & Government Affairs

NOTE: This support does not include financial commitment or project implementation responsibilities.

Request by Project Director/SEO: Evan Whitley, Executive Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Jody Standifer, Executive Officer of Small Business; Heidi Grant, Senior Executive Officer

Sara-Jane Smallwood-Cocke, Senior Government Affairs Strategist; Brian McClain, Executive Director of Government Affairs; John Hobbs, Senior Executive Officer